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TOWARD MARITIME COOPERATION

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In 1938, an evaluation of public library service in Nova Scotia reported simply, non est and it pointed out that the local effort of towns and cities could hardly be considered to affect the province as a whole, nor should the province attempt library service unless prepared to establish a complete system. Envious eyes were cast toward Prince Edward Island's growing regional library programme and consideration of Nova Scotia's failure was not lacking.

Now in Nova Scotia the picture is somewhat changed and it reveals regional library service operating from Annapolis, New Glasgow, Sydney and Truro with headquarters at Halifax serving five out of fourteen counties and a population of 225,000 persons. Coincidentally, Newfoundland has initiated a similar programme of library development. Only in New Brunswick is there no operating regional library, but since hope is present that this will shortly be accomplished, it can be assumed that a comprehensive public library service for the Maritimes will be a reality.

The question now arises as to the steps Maritime librarians will take as they reach toward the as yet unsuspected heights of public service.

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It is therefore apparent that cooperation can already be seen to include institutions of higher learning and this same willingness to cooperate will doubtless be the role played by other university librarians.

At Halifax there has just been established a central reference library for the regional system which has far-reaching possibilities. With today's system of communication and tomorrow's potentialities it can be seen to be the beginnings of a reference centre for the Maritimes. Perhaps it will be established in a more geographically central position where also that present castle in the air, the Maritime Depository Library, could be built. Without compass and ruler in hand why could not Aulac, New Brunswick be considered as the centre of the area that would draw in the dust covered duplicates from Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Sackville, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland? Of course when this happy time arrives, so will the Chignecto Canal cut near to the depository library's door, whose building will have been erected on land given by the Federal Government and occupied also by the Fort Beausejour museum.

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7. Cooperation of children's and young people's librarians with teachers and school librarians.
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Sits changeless irony to watch your whim.
  You ask for Shakespeare, and no more, no less
  Than if an equal fervor you express
For something dull and dead, you get of him.

They pile the centuries like building blocks,
  And nest dead Caesar with a magazine;
  Indecently, behind an office screen,
They watch the masters numbered up like stocks.

Levelling all things in a catalog,
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For pilots in her intellectual fog.

To sport with dead men as these women do -
  Is it so strange they look a little mad?

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts and Master of Sciences Theses

1951

For the first time in its history, Dalhousie University conferred the degree of L.L.M. at its spring convocation and Linden Marshall Smith of Halifax was the student to be so honoured. His thesis, done in partial fulfillment of the degree, was on the subject "A suggestion for legal aid".

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Embree, Jesse Bethune — Anglo-Russian relations, 1904-7. (From Dogger Bank to the Convention)

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Heighton, Ernest Lloyd — A Gibbsian phenomenon.

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Collins, E.H. — The study of the boreal forest formation in northern Cape Breton Island.

Faulkner, R.D. — Sir Alexander Tilloch Galt as politician and finance minister.

Fraser, D.G. — Les idées d'Albert Camus sur la condition humaine.

Ganong, A.P. — The judge and the tribune, a comparative study of Thomas Chandler Haliburton and Joseph Howe.

Grant, D.A. — Land use in Pictou county, Nova Scotia.

Grimmer, F.D. — History of Cumberland county.

Grimmer, M.J.D. — Some aspects of the theory of international values with particular reference to some recent controversies.

Lewis, J. McG. — "Action in Character" - The dramatic method in the poetry of Browning.

McDonald, D.G. — An introduction to job analysis.

MacDonald, D.L. — The philosophy of life of Thomas Hardy.

MacDonald, R.W. — Mark Twain, humorist and otherwise.

MacKay, D.H. — The emergence of values in the fiction of Ernest Hemingway.

Meilman, P.G. — Modern satiric giants and their satellites.

Mosher, M.M. — Power and leadership; a community study.

Mosher, R.L. — A study of the reciprocity movement in Canada, 1911-1938.

Purdy, H.O. — L'évolution du problème "maître-valet" chez Molière, Marivaux et Beaumarchais.

Purves, A.M. — John Evelyn writes, a study of the diary of John Evelyn.

Ruffee, G.E.M. — The Canadian militia.

Smallman, A.E. — A critical study of British policy in the province of Quebec (1763-1791).

Smith, A.J. — The inauguration of free schools in Nova Scotia.

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Reserve Mines, where the well known People's library was started by Dr. J. Tompkins, is to have a new library building. It is appropriate that this building is to be a memorial library commemorating the work of Dr. Tompkins who to a great extent was responsible for the beginning of regional libraries in Nova Scotia. This new library will become a Branch of the Cape Breton Regional Library but the adult books contained in the People's library will be moved to the new building and will be kept there as a collection belonging to the people of Reserve Mines.

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The Colchester-East Hants Regional Library has hung up a provocative green and yellow sign to lure passers-by into its new branch library in Tatamagouche. The library contains about one thousand books and is open two afternoons and two evenings a week under the supervision of its custodian, Mrs. R.B. Fraser.

Mrs. Pat Rolfe, formerly of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, is now living in Moncton where her husband is employed by the Bank of Nova Scotia. The library was most reluctant to part with Marg but the prior claim of the Bank of Nova Scotia made the move necessary.

Two of the smaller patrons of the Truro Branch Library made the TALK OF THE TOWN section of the local newspaper one day in September during the time that the Library was closed to people under twenty-one on account of the polio situation. One of them had some overdue library books on which the fines were mounting at the usual (but to him, exorbitant) rate of two cents a day per book. His seven year old brother said "He'll have to keep those books until he's twenty-one" and added thoughtfully "He's only five now."

Pictou County Regional Library

Miss Patricia O'Neill, formerly with the N.S.Regional Libraries Commission in Halifax, joined the staff of the Pictou County Regional Library as Bookmobile Librarian in August.

Branch libraries were opened at Trenton and Pictou during the summer. The People of Trenton are enjoying the use of a library for the first time; the branch in Pictou is actually a re-organization of the Fisher Memorial Library which had been in operation for some time. Both children and adults are enjoying to the utmost the new books provided by the regional library.

The Bookmobile went into operation early in July, and has enjoyed a very gratifying response from the public.

Miss Doreen Bailey has returned from a two month's visit to England.

Annapolis Valley Regional Library

Food for Thought October 1951 has an article called "A nice genteel occupation" by Diana Lockhart, describing work with a bookmobile in the Annapolis Valley Regional Library.

Correction

The report of the library affairs in Nova Scotia given at the M.L.A. Convention was incorrectly quoted in the Summer Bulletin. Mr. James Bell is going to library school this term but has no plans made as to employment afterwards.